

**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
**OFFICE OF JUVENILE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT**

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**Review of the Death of Mikael Cabral**  
**Of Tulsa County, Oklahoma**

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request for a public report regarding the death of five-year-old Mikael Cabral. The boyfriend of Mikael's mother, Steven Lewis Clement, was charged on September 22, 2014, with one count of Murder – First Degree in Commission of the Felony Crime of Arson – First Degree, and one count of Endangering Human Life During Arson.

**Authorization**

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS); the dates and outcome of investigations and actions taken by the OKDHS; the actions taken by the district attorney; the dates and summary of judicial proceedings; and the rulings of the court, as authorized by 10A O.S Section 1-6-105.

**Identifiers**

Child's name:	Mikael Cabral
Date of Birth:	May 6, 2009
Date of Death:	September 20, 2014

Alleged perpetrator: Steven Lewis Clement, Person Responsible for the Child (PRFC)

Sibling One: Eleven-years-old

Sibling Two: Seven-years-old

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) did not become aware of this family until after the death incident.

### **Criminal Charges**

The Oklahoma State Courts Network (OSCN) system documented that charges were filed against Steven Lewis Clement on September 22, 2014, as Criminal Felony proceedings. The charges of Murder, First Degree, in Commission of the Felony Crime of Arson, First Degree, and Endangering Human Life During Arson were filed by the Tulsa County District Attorney's office. The OSCN documented that Mr. Clement was ordered detained without bond on September 23, 2014.

### **Death Incident**

The OKDHS received a report that Mikael Cabral was found unresponsive when firefighters responded to a fire at the family home on September 16, 2014. According to the documentation, Mr. Clement was responsible for the welfare of Mikael and his siblings at the time the fire occurred. Documentation further stated that the biological mother was not present when the fire allegedly occurred. The report indicated that the biological mother had received threatening texts from Mr. Clement, including a text in which Mr. Clement threatened to burn down the home. At the time of the report, Mikael was admitted to a medical facility, sedated and in critical condition.

The OKDHS accepted this as a Priority I Investigation. During the course of the OKDHS investigation, Mr. Clement reportedly stated that the house fire started when mattresses in the home were ignited by a lighter. The alleged incident occurred because Mr. Clement was upset with the biological mother because she had gone with a family friend to Kansas to retrieve a car. When he heard a gasoline can in the garage explode, he went into the home and woke Sibling One, Sibling Two, and an adult sibling, who were able to walk out of the home. Mr. Clement reportedly called 911 and attempted to rescue Mikael, but was unable to retrieve him. According to the documentation, Mikael succumbed to his injuries and died on September 20, 2014, four days after the fire incident. The OKDHS Investigation was closed with a finding of Substantiated as to allegations Abuse/Death by Mr. Clement as to Mikael, and Abuse/Threat of Harm by Mr. Clement as to Sibling Two. Because Sibling One was admitted to a medical facility in critical condition as a result of this incident, the allegation of Abuse/Near Death by Mr. Clement was also substantiated.

The Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner found that the manner of death in this case was Homicide, with a probable cause of death listed as Anoxic Encephalopathy due to Smoke Inhalation.

The OKDHS documented that Sibling One and Sibling Two were sent to another state to live with relatives after the fire incident.